TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO

Tucumcari Mountain located near Highway 66 The Indian legend as told by Chief Geronimo is that: An Apache Chief by the name of Wautonamah lived on the mountain with his beautiful daughter Kari. The Apache chief had two braves of his tribe picked as prospective husbands for Kari and to follow him as chief—one Tonapon, whom she hated, and the other, Tocom, whom she loved. The Chief suggested a duel with daggers for her hand. Kari overheard the plan, hid in the trees, and when Tonapon killed Tocom, rushed out and killed Tonapon and herself, falling across Tocom's body. The Chief hearing the news killed himself with Kari's dagger crying "To-com-Kari".

The name is now Tucumcari.

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